

Reaching The Harvest

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Introduction:

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The Harvest – are the people in the world who have not come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. The scriptures refer to them as the Harvest; the field where Christians are to labor.

Our Mission: *"Loving unconditionally, meeting the community at the point of their needs through the truth of God's Word."*

We must never lose focus of the reason why God has saved us - [To Reach The Lost](#)

3 Things are needed to Reach the Lost:

I. The 1st is Compassion vss 1-2

- a. Jesus had the tax collectors and sinners gathering around Him
- b. They were not avoiding Him, ignoring Him, or even hostile toward Him
- c. Why were sinners so willing and even eager to listen to Jesus?
 - i. Because He had compassion for them
 - ii. He showed them love and He showed that love with a compassionate attitude instead of a condemning attitude.

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II. 3 Types of People in the Church

- a. Those who are uninvolved
- b. Those who assign blame and assess punishment
- c. And Those who help those lost and hurting.

III. 2nd Thing Needed to Reach the Lost Effort vs.3-5

- a. It takes a great effort to reach the lost
- b. We must go searching for the lost with great effort

IV. Things We Can Do To Reach The Lost

- a. Pray for the lost to come to know Jesus
- b. Make sure a significant part of our ministries are directed toward reaching the Lost
- c. Make outreach a significant part of our personal and church spending.

V. 3rd Thing Needed to Reach Lost Persistence vs.4,8

- a. It's not easy to reach people's hearts so that they receive Jesus
- b. It is not usually the case that our first efforts meet with success
- c. Sometimes it takes years, but we should not be discouraged or give up Gal 6:9

VI. There is Joy in Reaching the Lost vs. 5-7,9-10

- a. The Lost matter greatly to God, so much that when 1 lost person repents all heaven rejoices and throws a party.